Modernisation of Andhra Pradesh based NTC Mills

1778. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to modernise two Andhra Pradesh based N.T.C. mills namely Tirupati Cotton Mills at Renigunta in Chittoor district and Anantapur Cotton Mills in Tadapati in Anantapur district through joint venture with private companies;

(b) if so the details of the progress made so far in modernising above said mills; and

(c) the economic viability/position of these mills at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V. K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Govt. has decided to modernise these two mills through joint venture for which Expression of Interest (EOI) has been invited from reputed private entrepreneurs. The EOIs so received have been evaluated on the basis of pre-determined criteria and only qualified parties will be invited to offer their bids.

(c) At present Tirupati Cotton Mills is partially working with the available work force. In Anantapur Cotton Mills majority of workers have availed of Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme (MVRS). At present this mill is not running.

Funds to Support Handloom and Powerloom Sector

1779. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received proposals from-Andhra Pradesh for funds to support the handloom and powerloom sector; and

(b) if so, the details and by when these proposals will be cleared by the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of the proposals received from Andhra Pradesh for funds to support the handloom and powerloom sectors are annexed as statement.